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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

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For: AGENT FOR REPELLING AND INACTIVATING PATHOGENIC
ORGANISMS OF PLANTS

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May 4, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following
amendments. **Please calculate fees after entry of this Preliminary Amendment.**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 11-22 in lieu thereof.

AI SUB 27 --11. (New) A disinfecting agent for combating and inactivating phytopathogenic
organisms that are present on plants and in the immediate environment of plants, said
agent comprising at least one anionic surfactant, at least one aliphatic carboxylic acid, at